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Treading down all conservatism in regard to the supposed necessity of the social evil, Dr. E. J. Lansing, the Boston sociologist, presented a powerful plea in the City Auditorium last night for clean living among men and for the right of children to be born with a healthy bias and amid healthy surroundings. He had a large and attentive audience, and was frequently applauded. His address was on "The Conservation of Humanity," and it created a profound impression with the new ideas he set forth and the manifold humanitarian reasons he delivered for the eradication of segregated vice. After the address, Dr. E. J. Lansing, of the Social Service Federation of Richmond, asked that the audience send in their names to Mrs. J. Tyler Johnson, 15 South Third street, for membership in the federation. A collection was taken up for the federation.

A Real World Problem.
Dr. Lansing was introduced by John Garland Pollard, who was yesterday elected Attorney-General of Virginia. After briefly reviewing "Colonel Roosevelt's" fight for conservation of the country's natural material resources and pointing to the object lessons of China, Mesopotamia and Arabia, which have been made deserts by deforestation, Dr. Lansing showed how much more necessary is the conservation of humanity and the rebuilding of it. He argued that no man should live or use himself to the hurt of another on the same grounds that the law holds it a violation of natural right for a man to take the property that it shall fall to the hurt of the property of his neighbor.

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Page, on Appeal, Loses His Suit for \$5,000 Damages Against Town of Warrenton.

DESTROYED TO CHECK FIRE

United States Circuit Court of Appeals Sustains Judgment of Lower Court.

No compensation will be allowed W. Page, whose residence in Warrenton was blown up in 1910 by town officers to prevent the spread of fire. Judge Keller, sitting in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, having rendered an opinion yesterday affirming the judgment of the United States District Court, which dismissed Page's \$5,000 damage suit. The town of Warrenton is relieved of responsibility for the act because "no officer of the town was lawfully authorized to bind the town in respect to destruction of buildings to prevent the spread of fire."

Page is a resident of New York State, and at the time of the Warrenton fire, on October 23, 1910, owned a house in Warrenton, on Calhoun street. Warrenton had no chief engineer or fire warden at the time, and the destruction of buildings in fire-fighting, but it had a Mayor and a recorder. It is claimed by Page that the dynamiting of his residence was done at the order of the town recorder, who, in the absence of the Mayor, was the chief officer of Warrenton.

Shortly after the destruction of his house, Page brought suit in the District Court at Alexandria against the town of Warrenton for \$5,000. The declaration asserted that the officers of the town unlawfully and wrongfully destroyed the Page residence because the fire being fought was at a considerable distance from this property and in no danger of spreading to it. Suit was brought under the Virginia statute, which allows the recovery of damages from a town or city by a citizen whose property has been destroyed by the principal engineer or warden "to prevent the further spread of fire."

The town of Warrenton demurred to the declaration on the ground that the recorder had not the authority to prevent the further spread of fire in such a contingency or to bind the town by his action. The demurrer was sustained. Page at once took an appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

The appeal was argued before Circuit Judge Pritchard and District Judges Connor and Keller on May 7, 1913. J. K. M. Norton represented Page, and J. A. C. Keith and Samuel G. Brent appeared for the town of Warrenton.



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SOCIAL CENTRE IS OPENED BY MAYOR

Starts Nicholson School's New Work With Talk on City Government.

GOVERNOR NEXT SPEAKER

Will Address Fulton Community Gathering on Evening of November 14.

The social centre program outlined recently by the School Board received its first tryout last night at the Nicholson School, where 200 men, women and children of Fulton gathered to hear Mayor Albion discuss efficiency in the city government. The school auditorium was filled and the audience followed the speaker's informal address of Richmond's governmental machinery with every evidence of deep interest.

Principal S. P. Duke, of Nicholson School, outlined a general plan for evening gatherings devoted to discussions of civic subjects. It is proposed to hold meetings in the school auditorium as often as once in two weeks, to which will be invited for addresses officials of the city and State government. The next meeting will be held on the evening of November 14, when Governor Mather will speak on the subject, "The Government and Its Duties."

Work to Be Extended.
The social centre work inaugurated last night with the Mayor's address will be continued for the present to the Nicholson School. The movement is still in its experimental stage in this city, although it has reached imposing proportions in the North and Middle West. If the response is as popular as the School Board believes it will be, the work will be extended to other schools.

In addition to lectures by public men, it is proposed to throw open the school auditorium to the literary, civic and patriotic organizations of the school community, and to put it to other public uses. Mr. Duke told of the formation of cooking classes which are being attended by married and unmarried women, and are proving extremely popular. A movement is on foot also to form a sewing class. Mr. Duke said that the School Board will provide a teacher of sewing as soon as a sufficient number register to make up a good-sized class.

Mayor Recommends Work.
The use of the public schools as evening social centres, said the Mayor, is a commendable employment of the public's property for the highest public use. He did not believe, he said, that the city's school buildings performed their fullest service in merely providing housing facilities for teaching. In this work they are used only six hours a day, five days in the week, and nine months in the year—remaining idle the rest of the time. The buildings, he thought, should be devoted to some form of public service during the idle time.

"In my opinion," said the Mayor, "the School Board could not do a wiser thing than to arrange a series of public lectures, modeled after the 'Columbia' system, and to throw open the school buildings in different sections of the city, where people could conveniently come to hear the lectures. I believe it would prove a valuable and popular extension of the city's educational work."

Asks for Co-operation.
The Mayor outlined briefly and in simple form the city's governmental machinery, dwelling upon the separation of the legislative and administrative powers as provided for by the new charter. In spite of criticisms here and there that there was municipal mismanagement, Richmond, the Mayor assured his audience, was as cleanly governed a city as there is in the country, and its officials needed only the co-operation of the citizens to make it still better.

Mayor Albion closed his address with an appeal to the citizens of Fulton to join with the residents of other sections as citizens of one great city, in taking a real interest in the municipal government and in aiding the officials in their efforts to give the city efficient and impartial service. The Mayor was introduced by W. Floyd Beams, member of the School Board from the First District.

AMUSEMENTS

Academy—"The Firefly," matinee and night.

Lyrics—Keith Vaudeville, matinee and night.

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ment character or as a show. Those who patronize the drama with a broad "sa" find neither him nor it instructive, elevating, or conducive to profound thinking. But just the same, hundreds and thousands of people, casting reason to the winds, have welcomed Uncle Happy and what comes with him in Gus Hill's absurdity with roars of unashamed laughter.

And "Happy Hooligan" is being greeted again just as warmly at the Bijou this week by the clientele of the house as if he were seven-voiced Sambo himself. Every time the big policeman hustles Happy off the stage—and somebody or other is picking on him all the time—it is just as funny as it was the first time, and when Happy goes into the saloon and beats up the bar-keeper a wave of sympathetic

triumph sweeps over the house that makes itself felt in torrents, earth-quake, cataclysms of laughter.

Happy, the Dutchman, the Irishman, and the policeman, supply most of the amusement, but the admiration of the audience is aroused by the Widow Wise (Nellie Walker), Lettie Schultz (Vera Franklin), and the other members of the sex that is deadlier than the male, otherwise, the chorus girls. These are: Edith Bellamy, Annette Devine, Elsie Hunter, Bertha Armour, May O'Sullivan, Jeanette Swan, May Benz, Florence Whitford, Hazel Calvert, Malvern La Ford, Jewell Webster and Joe Marsh, and now every one of them can say that she has received "individual mention."

"Happy Hooligan" offers fun, foolishness, music, girls and women, and it is "going big" at the Bijou.

D. G.

Negro Musicians at Auditorium.

From reviews printed in New York papers and from private advices, I feel justified in taking the unusual liberty of recommending the concert to be given to-night at the City Auditorium by the Clef Club of New York, under the direction of James Reese Europe.

The organization announces that its sole purpose is to dignify the place of the colored musician in the musical world, and to preserve, encourage and develop among native and foreign the racial expression of the negro in music.

James Reese Europe is one of the best-known negro musicians in America, and those who wondered at the orchestral accompaniments supplied by him here a few months ago will have an opportunity to-night to judge more fully of the quality of his work.

D. G.

"The Firefly."

What promises to be one of the most important events of this season, the musical way is the appearance of Miss Edith Thayer in Arthur Hammerstein's record-breaking success, the new Broadway musical comedy opera, "The Firefly," which will be presented at the Academy to-day, matinee and night.

Miss Thayer has many opportunities to display her clean, brilliant soprano, as Rudolph Friml, composer of the score, has scored the music particularly for her. Prominent in her support are Maxfield Morris, Burton Leland, Charles H. Bowers, Bert Wheeler, Paul Veron, Thelma Fair, Alice Gaillard, Rita Hager and Irene Sammel.

Gertrude Hoffman.

Gertrude Hoffman, starting in her own new revue, with a company of seventy-five, will come to the Academy to-morrow, matinee and night. As a special added feature to the revue will be Chung Ling Foo, the great Chinese juggler, and his company of fourteen Chinese artists. Miss Hoffman and her organization are traveling by special train, and their tour is to extend over the entire United States and Canada. Her revue this year is

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